

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Spisich for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have accordingly amended independent claim 19 to include the language proposed in the Office Action.¹ Applicants have also cancelled independent claims 38 and 39. As such, claims 19-37 are pending, with only claim 19 in independent form. Accordingly, the Application is in condition for allowance.

Although Applicants have amended claim 19 and cancelled claims 38 and 39 to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants believe that, before amendment, the claims 19-39 contained patentable subject matter. As such, Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of the same or similar scope in a continuation application.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. Nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim. The amendment herein to accept the allowable subject matter does not signify a concession of unpatentability of claims 19-39 prior to this amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Applicants believe that the “a” prior to “surrounding” in the proposed claim presented in the Office Action is a typographical error. Accordingly, line 5 of claim 19 still recites “a depression disposed in the surface *and* surrounding . . .” (emphasis added) as opposed to “a depression disposed in the surface *a* surrounding,” (emphasis added). If the Applicants are mistaken, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the attorney of record to resolve the issue.